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ALL KINDS

### One Cat, Bath Needed

A couple of weeks ago several broken-down Tech men met in a little hole on the third floor of Walker Memorial, which they call their office, in the presence of a stray cat and several bottles of liquor. There they pasted some advertisements on sheets of paper and filled the spaces with the most off-color jokes they and their stooges had been able to dig up. When they were finished, they furtively carried the whole mess down to the printer. Today the product of this drunken orgy makes its appearance under the title of *Voo Doo Phos forbid!!*

### Veterans

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was elected temporary chairman, and Alan P. Talpin, 2-48, temporary secretary.

The committee, representing a cross-section of veterans at the Institute, has already held two meetings to go over important issues concerning the makeup, purposes, and policies of the organization. No agreement has been reached as yet on many of these issues, but it has been decided that the organization is to be primarily for the benefit of veterans who will enter in the next few terms and secondarily for those already here; that all veterans enrolled as students should be eligible; and that it should remain purely a Technology organization without affiliations. Other functions of the committee are to draw up a constitution and to petition the Institute Committee for Class B recognition. The committee will report its recommendations and a tentative organization will be set up at the next meeting, which is to be held on Wednesday, September 19.

Such an organization was first considered last term, although last Tuesday's meeting represents the first definite step toward its formation.

## Freshman Sections To Participate In Debating Tourney

Preliminary arrangements for the freshman Inter-sectional Debating Tourney are now being made by the Debating Society. Those freshmen who are interested should sign up in the Debating Society office in the basement of Walker Memorial. Teams will be chosen from section registrants, and upon the termination of the contest a silver cup, appropriately engraved, will be awarded to the winners.

The public speaking classes sponsored by the Debating Society are now in progress, meeting every Monday, at 5:00 P.M., in Room 6-219. Several English instructors conduct the classes. It is not too late for anyone interested to enroll.

### V-12

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time, be transferred to the N.R. O.T.C. and colleges where such units were located. There, they would study at the Navy's expense until July, 1946, at which time further dispensations would be announced. Lieutenant Canfield suggested this might mean that at that time they would be put on inactive duty and be permitted to continue on their own. Trainees in engineering and physics courses, who had three or less terms to go before they had the full eight the Navy promised them, would be allowed to complete those terms here at the Institute, and, upon completion, they would be put on inactive duty in an enlisted status until they were commissioned (whether their enlistments ran out in the meantime or not). On being commissioned they would be again put on inactive duty, subject to the needs of the country.

The V-12 program for pre-medical and pre-dental students will be completed on November 1, 1945, said Lieutenant Canfield. At this time, such students would be put on inactive duty.

### Tables Are Still Available For Bull-Session Dinner

Three tables are still available for groups of seven dormitory students, together with a professor of their own choice at each group the Dormitory Committee-sponsored Bull Session Dinner, which will be held on September 26. There are no more tables available for groups of five. The deadline for reservations is September 10.

Those interested in reserving tables should contact Alan Gruber, 10-45, Chairman of Dormitory Dinner Committee, Hayden 309. Further details posted on the dormitory Bull Board.

### Inactive Duty

It was explained that inactive duty required little or nothing of the men concerned. It would keep them out of the draft, since they would still be in the Navy, but would be subject to recall to active duty in an emergency. Other men would be allowed to live as they pleased, although the Navy may require the taking of a training cruise during a few weeks of the summer, in lieu of midshipman's school which under this the men would not attend.

### Mufti on the Streets

Lieutenant Canfield also brought out the word that enlisted men as officers of the Navy were now permitted to wear civilian clothes off duty. In interpreting the rules for the Unit, he said that, conferring with Captain Bla, had been decided that trainees would be allowed to wear civilian clothes only when on liberty or on leave. They would not be allowed to keep them in the Graduate House, or in the vicinity thereof, nor were they to wear them around the "ship." This is in keeping with the way the situation is handled on ships where men are not permitted to keep civilian clothes with them but may keep them on shore or wear them while on shore or

In answering questions on the subject, Lieutenant Canfield brought out that the uniform would have to be worn to all social and Navy functions, such as classes, mass assemblies, and the Unit's dance. It was yet to be decided whether the I.F.C. would be considered as a school function and require the wearing of uniform.

The next day, Thursday, the 7th, announced that this ruling would have to be delayed for a week and trainees would have to continue wearing their uniform.

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